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Roosevelt and the Tariff.

The New York Tribune, the champion
of the Republican protective tariff policy,
upholds the action of the Isthmian Canal
Commission in determining to go into the
open market of the world to purchase
supplies for the Panama Canal.

"There appears," says our contemporary,
"a really no considerable argument
against such a system of purchase. The
principle of the protective tariff—in fi-
delity to which we yield precedence to
none—cannot be effectively invoked
against it, for the reason that protection
is intended to preserve the home mar-
ket for the home producer, and the
Panama Canal is not a part of the United
States, and the canal which we are con-
structing there is not to be a domestic
institution, such as, let us say, the Erie
Canal or one of the Pacific railroads. The
canal will be owned by this country, and
will be operated and controlled by this
country. We trust that in time it will
also be used by this country more than
by any other. But, nevertheless, it will
be in the most sacred guarantee, open im-
partially for international and universal
use. We cannot see, then, that it is prop-
erly to be regarded as under the rule of
the protective system."

Quite true. The commission has done
no less than its duty in determining to
purchase supplies where they can be had
for the least money. But the point is
that the commission has proclaimed and
emphasized that under the protective
tariff prices are higher in the United
States than elsewhere for the same ma-
terial, and that American manufacturers
charge a higher price for their goods sold
in the United States, where they have
the benefit of tariff, than for goods in
open competition abroad. It is this dis-
closure that has opened the eyes of the
American public, if they need to be opened
to the fact so often proclaimed by
tariff reformers that the tariff is a tax
and that the home consumer pays it.

We are gratified to learn that this ac-
tion of the commission was taken under
direction of President Roosevelt. He is
honest and brave, and he does not pro-
pose to allow the interest of the govern-
ment to suffer for the sake of bolstering
up the policy of the Republican party.
Mr. Roosevelt owes a duty to his govern-
ment which is higher than any duty
which he owes to his party, and he has
the grace and the courage to do his duty
regardless of party interests. We doubt
not that the President has also had his
attention called as never before to the
injustice of the tariff system to the home
consumer, and it would not surprise us
to see him in the near future come for-
ward as the ardent champion of tariff
reform. He is standing by his pledge to
be President of the whole country and
to protect the public interests irrespec-
tive of party or partisan politics.

It is a far cry from 1905 to 1908, but
President Roosevelt has already shown
himself to be a man of the people, a
champion of the rights of the people
rather than of the interests of corpora-
tions and favored individuals, and
stranger things have come to pass in
American politics than a mighty people's
party in the next presidential campaign
with Theodore Roosevelt as the leader.

Victory for the Corporation Com- mission.

The State Corporation Commission has
done another piece of good work for Vir-
ginia. For years vessels of the Old Do-
minion Steamship Company plying in the
waters of Virginia had escaped taxation
on the plea that they were registered in
New York. But as such vessels were not
taxed in New York, the Corporation Com-
mission decided that they were taxable
in Virginia, and assessed them accord-
ingly. An appeal was taken to the Vir-
ginia Court of Appeals, and that court
sustained the action of the Corporation
Commission, holding that "the legal situs
of the vessels assessed for taxation by
the finding of the State Corporation Com-
mission is, for that purpose, within the
jurisdiction of the State of Virginia, and
that said property is amenable to the
tax imposed thereon. Notwithstanding
the fact that said vessels are owned by
a non-resident corporation; that they may
have been enrolled under the act of Con-
gress at some port outside of Virginia,

and that they are engaged in part in
interstate commerce."

The case was then appealed to the
United States Supreme Court, and that
tribunal sustains the decision of the
Virginia court.

This is another victory for the State
Corporation Commission, and the State
the benefit in a considerable in-
crease of revenue from a source that has
hitherto yielded nothing.

The People and the High School.

It is most unfortunate for the cause
of public education in Richmond that the
public mind should be diverted from the
prime consideration of getting a new
home for the High School to a contest
between architects. The general public
cares not one whit whether this archi-
tect or that is successful in the contest.
The community needs a High School
building, and it matters not whose plan is
adopted, provided only it be the best
plan.

It is to be regretted that this contest
came before the appropriation was made
and, therefore, The Times-Dispatch urges
the Finance Committee to make a re-
port as early as possible recommending
an appropriation of \$300,000 for the lot and
building and further recommending that
the whole subject then be committed
by the Council to the School Board.

That is the way to settle the question.
The School Board will be sure to get
a good plan, and put up the best build-
ing for the money.

A Municipal Object Lesson.

A number of citizens in Chicago formed
an organization a year ago in order to
give the city an object lesson in street
cleaning. A fund of \$50,000 was raised,
more than half of the amount being sub-
scribed by down-town merchants and
building tenants. Twenty-seven thou-
sand five hundred dollars was contrib-
uted by the city, and the rest was
raised by subscription. The organiza-
tion was known as the Citizens' Street
Cleaning Bureau, and was operated for
one year. It was agreed at the begin-
ning that the bureau should have charge
of the cleaning of streets within a spec-
ified area inside the loop for one year,
and the year has just ended. The plan
of work was devised by General Manager
Fox, who secured a year's leave of ab-
sence from his work as an inspector of
the streets in New York city to enter
the employment of the Chicago organi-
zation. He endeavored to systematize
every detail of the work.

The whole area was presided over by
an inspector and divided into sections,
each in charge of a foreman, who was
responsible to the inspector. The sections
were divided into sweeping routes, and to
each route was assigned a sweeper, who
was held accountable for its cleanliness.

Daily reports of all work done were
made by the foremen, and daily state-
ments showing the cost by sections, so
that each foreman knew the cost of his
work compared with every other fore-
man.

The work of cleaning was done en-
tirely by hand, a more thorough and ef-
fective method than machine sweeping,
especially on down-town pavements.

The work of the bureau was intended
to be an object lesson, and the Tribune
says that one result which the officials
considered noteworthy was the consider-
able increase in the City Council's ap-
propriation for street cleaning by its own
department this year over that of the
year preceding. The appropriation for
the ward this year will be nearly \$125,000,
against \$85,000 last year. The reason is
obvious: The Citizens' Street Cleaning
Bureau showed the public what a luxury
it is to have perfectly clean streets. In
this way a popular demand grew up for
a continuation of the good work, and in
response the City Council made a larger
appropriation. We wish that some such
object lesson could be given in Rich-
mond.

The Way of the Transgressor.

The Roanoke Times reproduces some
remarks of ours on the Nan Patterson case
with admirable comment, and we inform
our esteemed contemporary in advance
that there is no disagreement between it
and The Times-Dispatch. We heartily
approve everything that it has said.

"All the world loves a lover to be sure,"
quotes our contemporary, "but does all
the world despise and hold in contempt
the man who seeks to cure a fundamen-
tal vice in his nature by ceasing com-
panionship with a depraved woman?"

Certainly not. If he breaks away from
her in the right spirit and shows a sin-
cere determination to reform his ways.
But was that the case with Caesar Young?
When a man determines to reform, does
he go driving in the night time in a
closed carriage with the woman in the
case? Caesar Young gave no evidence of
reform. He had tired of his toy and he
proposed to cast it aside, simply because
he was tired of the toy and not because
he was tired of the vice.

Nor do we deny that Nan Patterson
was bad. She had led an immoral life,
there is every reason to believe that
she shot Caesar Young and the presiding
judge has since said that she fled from
beginning to end when she was on the
witness stand. Notwithstanding, the sym-
pathies of New York people were with
the woman rather than with the man,
not that they thought Nan was guilt-
less, but that they thought her companion
was worse.

The way of the transgressor is hard.
When a married man takes up with an-
other woman he forfeits all right to pub-
lic respect, and if in his endeavor to
shake her off, he loses his life, it is not
to be expected that he will receive public
sympathy.

The Danville Register finds in this
strike of Chicago school children mat-
terial for a timely study of the compul-
sory education law. It inclines to the
view that the incident furnishes an ar-
gument against compulsory education.

The landmark is not committing it-
self to the principle of compulsory edu-
cation just yet, but if anything would
make us advocate it, nothing would
more quickly win our support for the
doctrine than such exhibitions as are
being given in the metropolis of the
West.

Children deserve protection from the
folly and viciousness of parents who

would deprive them of education be-
cause the State insists on conducting
the schools without reference to strikes
and boycotts.—Norfolk Landmark.

Exactly so, and it is that phase of the
question that has converted The Times-
Dispatch to compulsory education, so-
called. But we do not like the term. The
law is prohibitive rather than compul-
sory; a restraining order rather than a
mandamus. It restrains the parent from
denying his child the right to receive an
education.

(From The T.-D. Dictionary.)

PROTECTION (pro-tee-shun), n. 1. The
act of protecting one's pocket at some-
body else's expense; self-protection. 2.
(Polit. econ.) The act of guarding one's
self against the operation of one's own
principles—principles being meant for
the other fellow.

PROTECTIONIST (pro-tee-shun-ist),
n. One who believes in the protective tariff—
for the other fellow; one who wants to
be protected against protection.

TARIFF (tar-iff), n. An ingenious de-
vice for compelling a confiding American
public to pay two dollars for articles
which Germans, Swedes, Afghans, Ghur-
kas, Icelanders and Hotentots may buy
for one.

The Fredericksburg road is to be con-
gratulated that it has secured the ser-
vices of Judge W. J. Leake as president,
to succeed the late Major E. T. D. Myers.
Judge Leake is an able lawyer, and his
long association with President Myers
as general counsel for the road renders
him eminently fitted for the work. The
affairs of the roads will be entirely safe
in his hands.

When the sheriff of Cook county,
Illinois, was asked the other day to
make a colored man one of the extra
deputies in troubled Chicago, he simply
said: "Do you want me to start a riot?"

Certain Pittsburg gentlemen seem to
think that the steel trust is so bad that
another one is necessary. We have
heard, however, that two wrongs do not
make a right.

It is no great surprise to learn that Nan
Patterson is about to go on the stage.
In some quarters there is a feeling that
she has been acting a part for some time.

All the orators on the "tariff for reve-
nue only" side, in combination, could
never have swayed the Dingy bill as se-
verely as did that Panama commission.

To clear or not to clear—that is the
question. (The above is not a weather
prediction, but merely a bank note.)

Rojevstevsky's tireless search for Togo
reminds us of the story of Evangeline;
it is so different.

The James appears to be preparing to
override its banks. Ditto the local clear-
ing house.

The High School Plans.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir—The question of the choice of
plans for the contemplated High School
building is in a "muddle," and promises
not to improve unless your suggestion is
followed of revoking what has been de-
cided and starting over again. The whole
question is the selection of the best plans
for the building at the stipulated cost
of \$300,000, which amount was fixed upon,
and the architects were told not to ex-
ceed this amount in the preparation of
their designs. And this will be one of
the most important and expensive edu-
cational buildings erected in the State
for many years, it is all important that
it should be erected after the best plans
and of the best material possible.

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